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Environment and sustainable development

Report of the Second Committee*

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1. At its 9th plenary meeting, on 11 September 2000, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-fifth session the item entitled:

"Environment and sustainable development:

"(a) Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21;

"(b) Convention on Biological Diversity;

"(c) Water supply and sanitation;

"(d) Further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States;

"(e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa;

"(f) Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy, including the implementation of the World Solar Programme 1996-2005;

"(g) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind"

and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Second Committee considered the item at its 16th to 20th and 31st meetings, from 18 to 20 and 31 October 2000. An account of the Committee's discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records

* The report of the Committee on this item will be issued in nine parts, under the symbol A/55/582 and Add.1-8.

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(A/C.2/55/SR.16-20 and 31). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 3rd to 7th meetings, on 2, 3 and 5 October (see A/C.2/55/SR.3-7). An account of the Committee's further consideration of the item will be given in the addenda to the present report, as follows:

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3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

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Report of the Secretary-General on international cooperation to reduce the impact of the El Niño phenomenon (A/55/99-E/2000/86)

Report of the Secretary-General on international institutional arrangements related to environment and sustainable development (A/55/357)

Letter dated 17 April 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Tajikistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/55/60-E/2000/17)

Letter dated 5 May 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Nigeria to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly transmitting the Declaration and the Programme of Action adopted by the South Summit of the Group of 77, held at Havana from 10 to 14 April 2000 (A/55/74)

Letter dated 11 July 2000 from the Permanent Representatives of China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, the Russian Federation and Tajikistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting, inter alia, the Dushanbe Declaration, signed on 5 July 2000 by the heads of State of China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, the Russian Federation and Tajikistan (A/55/133-S/2000/682)

Letter dated 17 July 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the report on the implementation of the G-8 action programme on forests adopted by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Group of Eight, meeting at Miyazaki, Japan, on 12 and 13 July 2000 (A/55/159-S/2000/103)

Letter dated 1 August 2000 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the

communiqué Okinawa 2000 adopted by the Group of Eight on 23 July 2000 (A/55/257-S/2000/766)

Letter dated 15 September 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Panama to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/55/392-S/2000/874)

Letter dated 5 October 2000 from the Permanent Representatives of Japan and the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/55/462-S/2000/974)

Letter dated 31 October 2000 from the Permanent Representative of New Zealand to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the communiqué issued by the heads of State and Government and representatives of the 16 States members of the Pacific Islands Forum at its thirty-first meeting, held at Tarawa from 27 to 30 October 2000 (A/55/536)

(a) Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its sixth special session (A/55/25)[1]

Report of the Secretary-General on measures taken in the United Nations system to accelerate progress in the implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 (A/55/78-E/2000/56)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Global Environment Facility on contributions to Agenda 21 (A/55/94)

Report of the Secretary-General on conservation and sustainable development of Central African forest ecosystems: implementation of General Assembly resolution 54/214 (A/55/95)

Report of the Secretary-General on ensuring effective preparations for the ten-year review of progress achieved in the implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 (A/55/120)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on the contribution of the United Nations Environment Programme to the implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 (A/55/447)

Letter dated 5 May 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Nigeria to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly, transmitting the Declaration and the Programme of Action adopted by the South Summit of the Group of 77, held at Havana from 10 to 14 April 2000 (A/55/74)

Letter dated 28 June 2000 from the Permanent Representatives of Egypt and Indonesia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the joint communiqué of the Tenth Summit of the Group of Fifteen, held at Cairo on 19 and 20 June 2000 (A/55/139-E/2000/93)

Letter dated 18 July 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the conclusions of the

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 25* (A/55/25 and Add.1).

Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Group of Eight, meeting at Miyazaki, Japan, on 13 July 2000 (A/55/162-S/2000/715)

Letter dated 15 September 2000 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/55/398-S/2000/883)

Letter dated 5 October 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Nigeria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Ministerial statement adopted at the twenty-fourth annual meeting of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Group of 77, at the United Nations Headquarters on 15 September 2000 (A/55/459)

(b) Convention on Biological Diversity

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity (A/55/211)

Letter dated 18 July 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the conclusions of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Group of Eight, meeting at Miyazaki, Japan, on 13 July 2000 (A/55/162-S/2000/715)

(c) Water supply and sanitation

Note by the Secretary-General on progress made in providing safe water supply and sanitation for all during the 1990s (A/55/65-E/2000/19)

Letter dated 18 July 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the conclusions of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Group of Eight, meeting at Miyazaki, Japan, on 13 July 2000 (A/55/162-S/2000/715)

(d) Further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

Report of the Secretary-General on implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States; and promoting an integrated management approach to the Caribbean Sea area in the context of sustainable development: action taken at the international, regional and national levels (A/55/185)

Letter dated 26 September 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Samoa to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the report of the second Alliance of Small Island States workshop on climate change negotiations, management and strategy (A/C.2/55/3)

(e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa

Report of the Secretary-General on implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa (A/55/331)

(f) Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy, including the implementation of the World Solar Programme 1996-2005

Report of the Secretary-General on promotion of new and renewable sources of energy, including the implementation of the World Solar Programme 1996-2005 (A/55/91)

(g) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

Letter dated 18 July 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the conclusions of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Group of Eight, meeting at Miyazaki, Japan, on 13 July 2000 (A/55/162-S/2000/715)

4. At the 16th meeting, on 18 October, introductory statements were made by the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, the Director of the Division for Sustainable Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (under sub-item (a)) and the Director of the New York Office of the United Nations Environment Programme (under sub-item (a)) (see A/C.2/55/SR.16).

5. At the 17th meeting, on 19 October, the Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator, ad interim, Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, made an introductory statement (see A/C.2/55/SR.17).

6. At the 18th meeting, on 19 October, introductory statements were made by the Executive Secretary of the Secretariat for the Convention to Combat Desertification (under sub-item (e)), the Executive Secretary of the Secretariat for the Convention on Biological Diversity (under sub-item (b)) and the Director of the Division for Sustainable Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (under sub-items (c), (d) and (f)) (see A/C.2/55/SR.18).

7. At the 31st meeting, on 31 October, the Executive Secretary of the Secretariat for the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change made an introductory statement under sub-item (f) (see A/C.2/55/SR.31).